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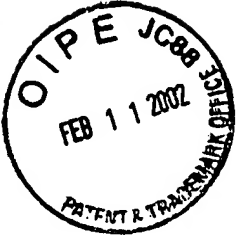
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Eric N. OLSON et al.

Serial No.: 09/061,417

Filed: April 16, 1998

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION IN
CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: M. Davis

Atty. Dkt. No.: MYOG:029US/SLH

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 17, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including January 17, 2002 in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$460.00) for a three-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

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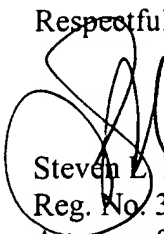
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overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10017631/SLH.

Respectfully submitted,


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